

REMARKS

A. Introduction

Claims 1-3, 6, 15 and 17-19 are pending and under consideration in the above-identifier application. Claims 4-5, 7-14 and 16 were previously cancelled.

In the Office Action of September 15, 2010, claims 1-3, 6, 15 and 17 were rejected and claims 18 and 19 were found allowable, but were objected to for being dependant on a rejected base claim.

With this amendment, claims 3, 6, 15, 18 and 19 are amended and claim 1 and 17 are cancelled.

B. Objection to the Claims

Claims 18 and 19 have been found allowable, but were rejected to for being dependant on a rejected base claim and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

With this amendment, claims 18 and 19 are rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

C. Rejection under 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 3, 15 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,931,782 over Jackson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,835,950 to Brown.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Jackson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,835,950 to Brown and in further view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0153360 to Yamazaki . The rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

With this amendment, claims 1 and 17 are cancelled and claims 3, 6 and 15 are made dependant on allowed claims 18 and 19. Therefore, the rejections are now moot as to claims 1, 3, 6, 15 and 17. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

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E. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, there being no other objections or rejections, this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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